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## **TANNING SALON OWNER SENTENCED ON METH CHARGES**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that the owner of a Springfield, Mo., tanning salon was sentenced in federal court today for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

**Leah Renee Binney**, 43, of Springfield, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this morning to 12 years and seven months in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Binney** to pay a \$45,000 fine and to forfeit to the government \$8,174 that was seized from her residence, which was derived from proceeds from the sale of methamphetamine.

On Aug. 16, 2004, **Binney** pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. **Binney** admitted that she possessed with intent to distribute at least 50 grams but less than 150 grams of pure methamphetamine on Dec. 16, 2003, in Greene County, Mo.

**Binney** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Jan. 26, 2004, in Springfield.

This case was prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly R. Weber Dean. It was investigated by the Springfield, Mo., Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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